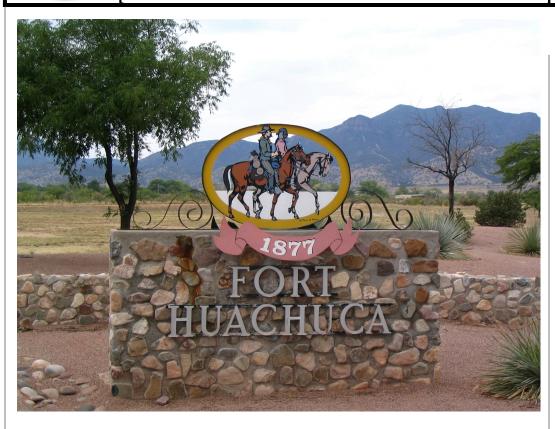


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Fort Huachuca hosts CISM Volleyball

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Fort Huachuca hosts the 27th Conseil International du Sport Militaire or World Military Volleyball Championships at Barnes Field House here June 10-18. The fort has been selected to host the only CISM championship in the United States this year.

Canada, China, Cyprus, Germany, India, Korea, the Netherlands, Qatar and the United States have men's teams taking part in the tournament. Canada, China, the

Netherlands and United States also have women's teams.

A colorful opening ceremony, with all team members in their military uniforms, takes place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 10 at Bujalski Field. The ceremony includes an Air Force flyover and cultural entertainment.

Fort Huachuca, the home of Army boxing, continues to build on its reputation as a center of excellence for Armed Forces sports. Command and staff involvement,

temperate climate and great community support make the fort a desirable location for military teams. This is the first year the installation hosted the Army volleyball trial camp and the Armed Forces volleychampionships. Fort Huachuca hosted the CISM boxing championships in 2004, has served as a training location for the Armed Forces cycling team and will host the 2007 Army boxing championships.

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The Armed Forces Sports Programs include 18 Armed Forces championships, seven national championships and 20 international championships within CISM.

CISM, headquartered in Belgium, is the second largest sporting organization in the world with 122 military member nations to include the United States. Its motto, "Friendship through

Sport," establishes a common unity amongst its members.

Our military athletes compete against their counterparts from other nations at venues around the world. CISM and national championships are key preliminary competitions for our military athletes who qualify to compete at the Pan American or Olympic games.

Historic outpost since 1877

The post sits at the base of the Huachuca Mountains. That name comes from an obscure, local Indian language which, when loosely translated, describes a "place of thunder."

Fort Huachuca is a product of the Indian Wars of the 1870s and 1880s. In February 1877, the commander of the Department of Arizona ordered that a camp be established in the Huachuca Mountains. A temporary camp was established on March 3, 1877, by Capt. Samuel Marmaduke Whitside with two companies of the 6th Cavalry. The site was selected because it had fresh running water, an abundance of trees, excellent observation in three directions and protective high ground.

Camp Huachuca was redesignated a fort in 1882. In 1886, Gen. Nelson A. Miles designated Fort Huachuca as his advance headquarters and forward supply base for the Geronimo campaign. Geronimo's surrender in August 1886 practically ended the Apache danger in southern Arizona. In 1913, the 10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers" arrived and remained almost 20 years. The 10th Cavalry joined Gen. John J. Pershing in the 1916 expedition into Mexico and, during World War I, it was assigned the mission of guarding the United States-Mexico border. By 1933, the 25th Infantry Regiment had replaced the 10th Cavalry as the main combat unit for the fort. The 25th, in turn, was absorbed by the 93rd Infantry Division during World War II. At war's end, the fort was declared surplus and transferred to the State of Arizona. It was reactivated during the Korean War by the Army Engineers.

In 1971, the post became the home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center. Today, Fort Huachuca is a major military installation in Arizona, and one of prominence throughout the Southwest.